

Amdt. Dated: January 9, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of September 9, 2003
and Advisory Action of November 25, 2003

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

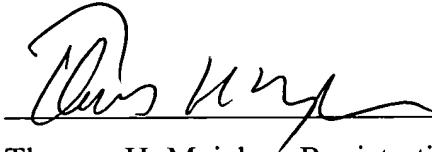
REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2003, in the above-identified application.

The requisite fee of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed herewith. Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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